In case you missed it, Congressman Pence published an op-ed column in the *Indianapolis Star*today that lays out what Congressman Pence believes to be the best way forward during this time of economic crisis.

An excerpt from Congressman Pence's op-ed is pasted below; the full op-ed can be accessed **HERE**

The recent news that Indiana's unemployment rate had risen to 8.2 percent confirmed what Hoosiers already knew: Our economy is in recession and we are hurting. Working families, small businesses and family farms across Indiana have felt the devastating effects of these difficult times. Thousands have lost their jobs and thousands more worry that they'll be next.

Congress and President Barack Obama must put politics aside and work together to stimulate our economy quickly and effectively. President Obama has called for bipartisan compromise on the stimulus bill, and I take him at his word and commend him for his willingness to listen to all ideas.

Unfortunately, House Democrats passed a partisan bill that did not incorporate bipartisan recommendations. Republicans were shut out from any meaningful contribution. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi promised that this legislation would "take America in a new direction," but what Hoosiers need now are jobs, not the complete reordering of the federal budget along liberal priorities. Massive government spending will not cure our ailing economy, and the American people know that we cannot borrow and spend and bail our way back to a growing economy.

Republicans and Democrats alike opposed the plan for one simple reason: It won't work. The only thing this bill will stimulate is more government and more debt.

Congressman Pence is also taking his case to the airwaves, appearing on WTHR Channel 13

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yesterday, "

Bill Bennett's Morning in America
" radio program

 $\underline{\text{this morning}}$

as well as

FOX News

America's Newsroom with Bill Hemmer and Megyn Kelly :"